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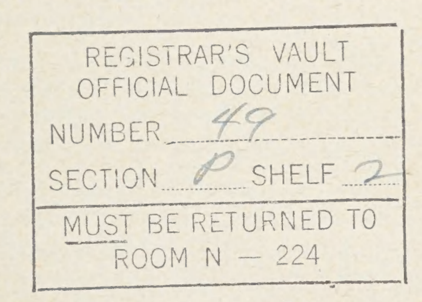
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The French-speaking Inspectoral Staff

TRANSFERS:

The following transfers were made at midsummer 1943:

1. Mr. Adélard Gascon, M.A., B.Paed., of Ottawa, was relieved of his inspection duties and was asked to devote his whole time to the preparation of correspondence courses and the revision of text-books for French-speaking pupils.

2. Mr. Falconio Choquette, B.A., of Ottawa was transferred from R.C. Separate Division XXII to R.C. Separate Division XXI.

3. Mr. Laurier Carrière, B.A., B.Paed., was transferred from R.C. Separate Division II, P.S. Simcoe North (No. 1), and P.S. District Division VII (2), Sudbury, to R.C. Separate Division XXIV and P.S. Glengarry (No. 2), with residence at Cornwall.

The establishment of a new French-speaking inspectoral centre at Cornwall permitted a redistribution of the Eastern Ontario French-speaking inspectorates into more compact units.

4. Dr. Rémi Millette, M.A., B. Paed., Ph.D., was transferred from R.C. Separate Division III and Public School District VII (3) to R.C. Separate Division II, Public School Simcoe North (No. 1). and P.S. Division VII (2), to succeed Mr. Carrière.

5. Mr. Arthur Godbout, B.A., B.Paed., was transferred from the staff of the University of Ottawa Normal School to R.C. Separate Division III and Public School District VII (3) with residence at Sudbury.

Teachers' Training and Qualifications

In 1942-43 there were 113 teachers-in-training at the University of Ottawa Normal School, 20 of whom were enrolled in the First Class course, and 93 in the Second Class course. As a result of the term and final examinations 16 students were awarded First Class certificates, and 92 obtained Second Class certificates.

The following table shows the number and percentage of Ontario French-speaking elementary school teachers holding First or Second Class certificates in November, 1943, and the progress made in this regard since 1929:—

	1929	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Total number of French-speaking teachers in Elementary Schools	1,087	1,390	1,416	1,438	1,441	1,448
Number of above teachers holding I or II Class certificates	273	1,271	1,311	1,307	1,274	1,272
Percentage of French-speaking teachers holding I or II Class certificates	25.11	91.43	92.58	90.89	88.41	87.85

The slight decrease since 1941 in the number of First and Second Class certificated teachers is due to the abnormal situation caused by the war.

Secondary School Classes

The following table shows the number of French-speaking students enrolled in December, 1943, in the advanced French courses of Collegiate Institutes, High, Continuation, and Vocational Schools under the supervision of the Department of Education:—

SCHOOL	GRADE					
	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	Total
Alexandria High	17	8	8	1	....	34
Cochrane High	6	3	1	....	....	10
Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational	23	27	18	2	3	73
Embrun High	24	17	12	12	....	65
Espanola Continuation	6	2	3	....	....	11
Hawkesbury High (for French-speaking Pupils)	54	27	27	18	....	126
Hearst High	10	3	2	1	....	16
Kapuskasing High	20	14	8	3	....	45
Kirkland Lake Collegiate and Vocational	28	9	....	2	....	39
Mattawa High	8	5	6	....	....	19
Ottawa Technical	53	35	27	....	....	115
Paincourt Continuation	6	6	6	6	....	24
Penetanguishene High	27	15	9	8	....	59
Plantagenet High	23	22	14	17	11	87
Rockland High	18	14	11	10	....	53
Smooth Rock Falls Continuation	7	6	4	1	....	18
Sturgeon Falls High	32	35	24	8	3	102
Sudbury High and Technical	60	15	10	12	5	102
Tilbury High	6	2	....	3	....	11
Timmins High and Vocational	75	40	9	9	....	133
Vankleek Hill Collegiate	13	7	6	1	....	27
Totals	516	312	205	114	22	1,169

NOTE:—The absence of students in the higher grades of some of the above schools is due to the fact that the advanced French courses were just recently established in those schools.

In the following table are shown the enrolment totals of French-speaking students in the secondary schools of the provincial system for the period 1938-1943:

Year	Grade					
	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	Total
1938	327	182	155	143	32	839
1939	392	235	203	130	67	1,027
1940	440	310	172	132	48	1,102
1941	584	336	168	119	32	1,249
1942	531	336	189	101	30	1,187
1943	516	312	205	114	22	1,169

It will be noted that good progress was made in the total enrolment until 1941. The slight decrease since 1942 is due to the war situation.

There are, besides the 1,169 students reported above, some 2,500 Ontario French-speaking students who are pursuing their studies in the Grade IX and Grade X classes of the elementary schools, [Table No. 1 (A) (i), page 4, of this report], and in private schools. Some of the latter are inspected by the Department of Education for the purpose of accepting, or not accepting the teachers' recommendations in respect to pupils who are candidates for Middle School certificates.

The following are excerpts taken from a report on the Advanced French classes of the secondary schools submitted by Mr. Henri Lemieux, B.A., B.Paed., High School Inspector:

"Satisfactory general progress may be reported in the Advanced French classes in the Secondary Schools.

In order to obtain more uniform standards of achievement in the different schools throughout the province, it has been found desirable to aim at a certain degree of uniformity in the methods of teaching used by the different teachers. Satisfactory results have already been attained in this direction and efforts will be continued.

In the teaching of French Literature a gradual shift of emphasis from the "explanatory" type of approach to the "appreciative" treatment of literary pieces is being encouraged. In French Composition a need is felt for more suitable text-books which would help to introduce in the teaching a greater degree of continuity, integration and uniformity.

A gratifying feature of the work of the Advanced French classes is the increased interest which is being developed in supplementary and general reading. As a result of a "mot d'ordre" given last year, a campaign is in progress with a twofold aim: (1) to increase the number of French books in the school libraries where needed and (2) to encourage the students to read more, to acquire a love of books and a desire for self-information. Commendable results in this line are attained at the Timmins High and Vocational School, in particular, which has over 300 French books in its library, and where the pupils also take advantage of an excellent French section of over 5,000 books in the Public Library.

During the months of May and June, return visits were paid to most of the Advanced French classes in the province. On the occasion of those second visits, and on other occasions, in several localities, public meetings were arranged with the parents and efforts were made to promote a greater desire for higher education among the French-speaking population.

The French contest which has been held in the Primary Schools since 1938 has been extended this year to the Advanced French classes of the Secondary Schools. Regional contests were held in the Spring at Hawkesbury, Ottawa, Sudbury and Timmins, and the final provincial contest was held at Ottawa during the Easter Week. The winners, one boy and one girl, were awarded scholarships at the Ottawa University and at the Rideau Street Convent, respectively.

Four teachers of the Advanced French classes resigned their positions during the year in order to enlist in the Armed Forces: Roch Cadieux, Vankleek Hill Collegiate; Marcel Bellehumeur, Mattawa High School; Sylvio Régimbal, Sturgeon Falls High School; M. Cataford, Kapuskasing High School."

Elementary Schools

Age-Grade Distribution of Pupils

The tables on pp. 4-12, present a compilation of the French-speaking School Inspectors' Annual Age-Grade Reports for May, 1943.

TABLE No. 1

AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1943

(A) Separate and Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	172	2,534	3,079	1,085	331	122	26	11	7	3		1				7,375	17.22
II			130	1,781	2,411	1,113	468	189	77	25	4	2					6,200	14.47
III			7	115	1,414	2,032	1,272	590	281	93	23	1	3				5,831	13.61
IV				2	151	1,239	1,868	1,170	666	315	89	14	1				5,515	12.88
V					10	191	1,144	1,718	1,209	637	320	57	5	1			5,292	12.36
VI						12	247	1,045	1,519	1,079	535	156	14				4,607	10.76
VII						1	23	230	900	1,248	814	294	48	1	1		3,560	8.31
VIII							1	32	269	862	1,073	680	180	15			3,112	7.27
IX									10	90	275	264	107	20	2		768	1.79
X										9	75	149	115	45	4		397	.93
Auxiliary Classes							1	5	14	32	53	52	13	1			171	.40
Grand Totals	4	172	2,671	4,977	5,071	4,919	5,146	5,005	4,956	4,397	3,264	1,669	487	83	7		42,828	

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	2	57	558	785	313	108	36	11	5	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1,879	
	Girls	2	67	512	631	274	84	24	9	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1,608	3,487
II	Boys	...	...	42	348	512	294	135	53	23	12	3		...	...	...	...	1,423	
	Girls	...	...	59	417	487	208	86	34	17	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,311	2,734
III	Boys	...	...	2	26	230	449	348	165	91	29	9	...	1	...		...	1,350	
	Girls	...	...	5	46	285	370	257	99	49	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	1,126	2,476
IV	Boys	...	...	...	...	27	215	364	281	179	84	23	1	...	...	...	...	1,174	
	Girls	...	...	...	1	46	279	377	220	105	43	7	6	...	...	...	...	1,084	2,258
V	Boys	...	...	...	...	2	32	186	355	279	155	94	6	1	...	...	...	1,110	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	4	67	263	380	208	102	27	4	2	1	...	...	1,058	2,168
VI	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	1	39	180	294	253	105	26	1	...	...	...	899	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	4	76	245	330	177	65	13	1	...	...	...	911	1,810
VII	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	41	165	219	156	51	5	1	...	...	642	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	75	193	258	129	37	6	...	1	...	709	1,351
VIII	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	46	162	178	119	33	2	...	...	544	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	99	226	237	137	27	2	...	...	742	1,286
IX	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	33	27	14	2	...	...	84	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	56	45	19	...	1	...	141	225
X	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	8	6	1	...	35	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	44	35	11	1	...	111	146
Totals by Sexes	Boys	2	57	602	1,159	1,084	1,099	1,112	1,090	1,082	924	613	241	63	11	1	...	9,140	
	Girls	2	67	576	1,095	1,096	1,012	1,094	1,075	1,005	842	543	286	91	14	3	...	8,801	
Grand Totals	...	4	124	1,178	2,254	2,180	2,111	2,206	2,165	2,087	1,766	1,156	527	154	25	4	...	...	17,941

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) Urban

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys		23	688	865	292	78	41	3	4	2							1,996	3,888
	Girls		25	776	798	206	61	21	3		1	1						1,892	
II	Boys			7	487	719	334	145	68	25	8	1	1					1,795	3,466
	Girls			22	529	693	277	102	34	12	2							1,671	
III	Boys				19	392	606	352	192	84	33	10	1	2				1,691	3,355
	Girls				24	507	607	315	134	57	18	2						1,664	
IV	Boys					26	306	537	360	238	125	43	7	1				1,643	3,257
	Girls				1	52	439	590	309	144	63	16						1,614	
V	Boys					3	48	296	435	389	225	132	39	2				1,569	3,124
	Girls					1	44	399	548	333	155	67	8					1,555	
VI	Boys						4	67	240	429	322	202	71	8				1,343	2,797
	Girls						3	65	380	466	327	163	46	5				1,454	
VII	Boys							7	54	231	365	276	127	21				1,081	2,209
	Girls						1	2	60	311	406	253	79	16				1,128	
VIII	Boys								8	56	197	308	219	67	5			860	1,826
	Girls								7	68	277	350	205	53	6			966	
IX	Boys									3	22	62	61	31	12			191	543
	Girls									5	42	124	131	43	6	1		352	
X	Boys										3	12	17	17	9	1		59	251
	Girls										6	33	78	55	19	1		192	
Auxiliary Classes	Boys							1	3	8	19	33	21	4				89	171
	Girls								2	6	13	20	31	9	1			82	
Totals by Sexes	Boys		23	695	1,371	1,432	1,376	1,446	1,363	1,467	1,321	1,079	564	153	26	1		12,317	
	Girls		25	798	1,352	1,459	1,432	1,494	1,477	1,402	1,310	1,029	578	180	32	2		12,570	
Grand Totals			48	1,493	2,723	2,891	2,808	2,940	2,840	2,869	2,631	2,108	1,142	333	58	3			24,887

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(B) Separate Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	3	131	2,324	2,810	968	291	112	21	9	6	3	......	1	.....	.....	......	6,679	16.96
II	......	.....	114	1,644	2,221	1,004	423	158	69	22	2	2	......	.....	.....	......	5,659	14.37
III	......	.....	7	84	1,290	1,879	1,161	530	250	87	21	1	3	.....	.....	......	5,313	13.49
IV	......	.....	......	1	142	1,141	1,727	1,065	596	285	80	9	1	.....	.....	......	5,047	12.82
V	......	.....	......	......	9	167	1,055	1,588	1,127	589	296	47	5	1	.....	......	4,884	12.40
VI	......	.....	......	......	......	9	220	965	1,408	1,007	505	152	14	.....	.....	......	4,280	10.87
VII	......	.....	......	......	......	1	21	208	839	1,165	753	265	48	1	1	......	3,302	8.39
VIII	......	.....	......	......	......	......	......	29	247	789	1,012	636	169	14	.....	......	2,896	7.35
IX	......	.....	......	......	......	......	......	......	9	87	267	262	105	20	2	......	752	1.91
X	......	.....	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	9	75	149	114	45	4	......	396	1.01
Auxiliary Classes	......	.....	......	......	......	......	1	5	14	32	53	52	13	1	.....	......	171	.43
Grand Totals	3	131	2,445	4,539	4,630	4,492	4,720	4,569	4,568	4,078	3,067	1,575	473	82	7	......	39,379	....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	2	36	470	678	259	97	31	9	4	1	2						1,589	
	Girls	1	47	436	536	238	61	21	6	1	2			1				1,350	2,939
II	Boys			35	305	445	248	115	44	18	12	1	1					1,224	
	Girls			51	367	414	170	74	22	16	1							1,115	2,339
III	Boys			2	16	197	384	302	134	77	23	7		1				1,143	
	Girls			5	28	240	327	217	86	37	13	2						955	2,098
IV	Boys					25	191	314	236	146	71	22						1,005	
	Girls					40	242	331	188	90	38	7	3					939	1,944
V	Boys					2	24	154	300	248	134	86	4	1				953	
	Girls					3	54	231	333	176	87	24	4	2	1			915	1,868
VI	Boys						1	34	154	253	224	90	23	1				780	
	Girls						3	63	216	289	150	57	13	1				792	1,572
VII	Boys							4	32	139	190	136	39	5	1			546	
	Girls							8	65	175	221	110	29	6		1		615	1,161
VIII	Boys								3	42	139	160	107	28	2			481	
	Girls								11	90	198	214	119	22	2			656	1,137
IX	Boys										6	30	27	12	2			77	
	Girls									1	17	52	44	19		1		134	211
X	Boys											10	10	7	6	1		34	
	Girls											20	44	35	11	1		111	145
Totals by Sexes	Boys	2	36	507	999	928	945	954	912	927	800	544	211	55	11	1		7,832	
	Girls	1	47	492	931	935	857	945	927	875	727	486	256	86	14	3		7,582	
Grand Totals		3	83	999	1,930	1,863	1,802	1,899	1,839	1,802	1,527	1,030	467	141	25	4			15,414

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	...	23	664	835	279	73	40	3	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,923	
	Girls	...	25	754	761	192	60	20	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1,817	3,740
II	Boys	...	...	7	471	695	318	138	60	23	7	1	1	...	...	...	...	1,721	
	Girls	...	...	21	501	667	268	96	32	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,599	3,320
III	Boys	...	...	...	17	382	583	336	181	81	33	10	1	2	...	...	...	1,626	
	Girls	...	...	...	23	471	585	306	129	55	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	1,589	3,215
IV	Boys	...	...	...	...	25	288	517	345	223	113	38	6	1	...	...	...	1,556	
	Girls	...	...	...	1	52	420	565	296	137	63	13	...	...	...	...	...	1,547	3,103
V	Boys	...	...	...	...	3	47	287	421	378	218	124	32	2	...	...	...	1,512	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	1	42	383	534	325	150	62	7	...	...	...	...	1,504	3,016
VI	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	3	65	229	419	311	201	71	8	...	...	...	1,307	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	2	58	366	447	322	157	45	4	...	...	...	1,401	2,708
VII	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	52	223	358	264	125	21	...	...	...	1,050	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	59	302	396	243	72	16	...	...	...	1,091	2,141
VIII	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	53	193	300	208	67	5	...	...	834	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	62	259	338	202	52	5	...	...	925	1,759
IX	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	22	62	61	31	12	...	...	191	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	42	123	130	43	6	1	...	350	541
X	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	12	17	17	9	1	...	59	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	33	78	55	19	1	...	192	251
Auxiliary Classes	Boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	8	19	33	21	4	...	...	...	89	
	Girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	13	20	31	9	1	...	...	82	171
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	...	23	671	1,323	1,384	1,312	1,391	1,302	1,415	1,279	1,045	543	153	26	1	...	11,868	
	Girls	...	25	775	1,286	1,383	1,378	1,430	1,428	1,351	1,272	992	565	179	31	2	...	12,097	
GRAND TOTALS	...	...	48	1,446	2,609	2,767	2,690	2,821	2,730	2,766	2,551	2,037	1,108	332	57	3	...	...	23,965

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(C) Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	1	41	210	269	117	40	10	5	2	1							696	20.18
II			16	137	190	109	45	31	8	3	2						541	15.69
III				31	124	153	111	60	31	6	2						518	15.02
IV				1	9	98	141	105	70	30	9	5					468	13.57
V					1	24	89	130	82	48	24	10					408	11.83
VI						3	27	80	111	72	30	4					327	9.48
VII							2	22	61	83	61	29					258	7.48
VIII							1	3	22	73	61	44	11	1			216	6.26
IX									1	3	8	2	2				16	.46
X													1				1	.03
Auxiliary Classes																		
Grand Totals	1	41	226	438	441	427	426	436	388	319	197	94	14	1			3,449	

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	......	21	88	107	54	11	5	2	1	1	......	......	......	......	......	......	290	548
	Girls	1	20	76	95	36	23	3	3	1	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	258	
II	Boys	......	......	7	43	67	46	20	9	5	......	2	......	......	......	......	......	199	395
	Girls	......	......	8	50	73	38	12	12	1	2	......	......	......	......	......	......	196	
III	Boys	......	......	......	10	33	65	46	31	14	6	2	......	......	......	......	......	207	378
	Girls	......	......	......	18	45	43	40	13	12	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	171	
IV	Boys	......	......	......	......	2	24	50	45	33	13	1	1	......	......	......	......	169	314
	Girls	......	......	......	1	6	37	46	32	15	5	......	3	......	......	......	......	145	
V	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	8	32	55	31	21	8	2	......	......	......	......	157	300
	Girls	......	......	......	......	1	13	32	47	32	15	3	......	......	......	......	......	143	
VI	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	5	26	41	29	15	3	......	......	......	......	119	238
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	1	13	29	41	27	8	......	......	......	......	......	119	
VII	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	9	26	29	20	12	......	......	......	......	96	190
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	......	2	10	18	37	19	8	......	......	......	......	94	
VIII	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	4	23	18	12	5	......	......	......	63	149
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	2	9	28	23	18	5	......	......	......	86	
IX	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2	3	......	2	......	......	......	7	14
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	1	4	1	......	......	......	......	7	
X	Boys	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	......	......	......	1	1
	Girls	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	
Totals by Sexes	Boys	......	21	95	160	156	154	158	178	155	124	69	30	8	......	......	......	1,308	......
	Girls	1	20	84	164	161	155	149	148	130	115	57	30	5	......	......	......	1,219	......
Grand Totals	......	1	41	179	324	317	309	307	326	285	239	126	60	13	......	......	......	......	2,527

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys			24	30	13	5	1										73	
	Girls			22	37	14	1	1										75	148
II	Boys				16	24	16	7	8	2	1							74	
	Girls			1	28	26	9	6	2									72	146
III	Boys				2	10	23	16	11	3								65	
	Girls				1	36	22	9	5	2								75	140
IV	Boys					1	18	20	15	15	12	5	1					87	
	Girls						19	25	13	7		3						67	154
V	Boys						1	9	14	11	7	8	7					57	
	Girls						2	16	14	8	5	5	1					51	108
VI	Boys						1	2	11	10	11	1						36	
	Girls						1	7	14	19	5	6	1					53	89
VII	Boys								2	8	7	12	2					31	
	Girls								1	9	10	10	7					37	68
VIII	Boys									3	4	8	11					26	
	Girls									6	18	12	3	1	1			41	67
IX	Boys																		
	Girls											1	1					2	2
X	Boys																		
	Girls																		
AUXILIARY CLASSES	Boys																		
	Girls																		
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys			24	48	48	64	55	61	52	42	34	21					449	
	Girls			23	66	76	54	64	49	51	38	37	13	1	1			473	
GRAND TOTALS				47	114	124	118	119	110	103	80	71	34	1	1				922

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

The following comparative table, for the years 1938, 1939, 1942, and 1943, shows the marked progress which has been achieved, during the period under review, in the grade-enrolment distribution of French-speaking classes in all elementary schools:—

Separate and Public Schools

Grade	1938		1939		1942		1943	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	11,216	23.66	8,955	18.16	7,648	17.39	7,375	17.22
II	6,992	14.75	7,148	14.49	6,245	14.20	6,200	14.47
III	4,974	10.49	6,631	13.45	5,979	13.59	5,831	13.61
IV	5,548	11.71	6,364	12.90	5,842	13.28	5,514	12.88
V	5,828	12.30	5,883	11.93	5,275	11.99	5,292	12.36
VI	4,775	10.07	5,136	10.41	4,528	10.30	4,607	10.76
VII	3,764	7.95	4,018	8.15	3,747	8.52	3,560	8.31
VIII	2,913	6.15	3,436	6.97	3,191	7.25	3,112	7.27
IX	727	1.52	893	1.81	795	1.81	768	1.79
X	443	.93	587	1.19	471	1.07	398	.93
Auxiliary Classes	217	.46	268	.54	265	.60	171	.40
Totals	47,397	100.00	49,319	100.00	43,986	100.00	42,828	100.00

The decrease in the total enrolment since 1942 is due largely to the movement of a great number of French-speaking families from mining and other places to wartime industrial centres where French-speaking classes were not yet organized.

While the enrolment in each of the first six grades is now almost normal and the percentage of enrolment in the Grade VIII classes has increased from 6.15, in 1938, to 7.27, in 1943, it is evident that the successful effort made in recent years by teachers and inspectors should be relentless until the enrolment in each of Grade VII and Grade VIII classes has reached at least 10 per cent of the total school enrolment.

TABLE No. 2

ANALYSIS OF AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO IDEAL AGE-SPREAD IN ELEMENTARY RURAL AND URBAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1943

(A) Separate and Public Schools

Grade	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	176	2.39	6,698	90.82	501	6.79
II	130	2.10	5,305	85.56	765	12.34
III	122	2.09	4,718	80.92	991	16.99
IV	153	2.78	4,277	77.55	1,085	19.67
V	201	3.80	4,071	76.93	1,020	19.27
VI	259	5.62	3,643	79.08	705	15.30
VII	254	7.14	2,962	83.20	344	9.66
VIII	302	9.70	2,615	84.03	195	6.27
IX	100	13.02	646	84.12	22	2.86
X	84	21.16	309	77.84	4	1.00
Totals	1,781	4.16	35,244	82.29	5,632	13.15

NOTE:—The 171 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

(B) Separate Schools

Grade	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	134	2.00	6,102	91.36	443	6.64
II	114	2.01	4,869	86.04	676	11.95
III	91	1.71	4,330	81.50	892	16.79
IV	143	2.83	3,933	77.93	971	19.24
V	176	3.60	3,770	77.19	938	19.21
VI	229	5.35	3,380	78.97	671	15.68
VII	230	6.96	2,757	83.50	315	9.54
VIII	276	9.53	2,437	84.15	183	6.32
IX	96	12.76	634	84.31	22	2.93
X	84	21.21	308	77.78	4	1.01
Totals	1,573	3.99	32,520	82.59	5,115	12.99

NOTE —The 171 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

(C) Public Schools

Grade	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	42	6.04	596	85.63	58	8.33
II	16	2.96	436	80.59	89	16.45
III	31	5 99	388	74.90	99	19.11
IV	10	2.14	344	73.50	114	24.36
V	25	6.13	301	73.77	82	20.10
VI	30	9.17	263	80.43	34	10.40
VII	24	9.30	205	79.46	29	11.24
VIII	26	12.04	178	82.41	12	5.55
IX	4	25.00	12	75.00	....	....
X	....	....	1	100.00	....	....
Totals	208	6.03	2,724	78.98	517	14.99

TABLE No. 3

GRADE-ENROLMENT DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1943

(A) Separate and Public Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	10,955	61.06	13,966	56.12	24,921	58.19
V-VIII	6,615	36.87	9,956	40.00	16,571	38.69
IX-X	371	2.07	794	3.19	1,165	2.72
Auxiliary	....	....	171	.69	171	.40

(B) Separate Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	9,320	60.48	13,378	55.83	22,698	57.64
V-VIII	5,738	37.22	9,624	40.12	15,362	39.01
IX-X	356	2.30	792	3.32	1,148	2.92
Auxiliary	....	....	171	.73	171	.43

(C) Public Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	1,635	64.70	588	63.77	2,223	64.46
V-VIII	877	34.71	332	36.01	1,209	35.05
IX-X	15	.59	2	.22	17	.49
Auxiliary	....	....	....	....	....	....

The following comparative table shows the grade-enrolment distribution of French-speaking pupils in separate and public schools for the years 1938, 1939, 1941, and 1943:—

Separate and Public Schools

Grades	1938		1939		1941		1943	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	28,730	60.61	29,098	59.00	29,089	57.84	24,921	58.19
V-VIII	17,280	36.46	18,473	37.46	19,435	38.64	16,571	38.69
IX-X	1,170	2.47	1,480	3.00	1,520	3.02	1,165	2.72
Auxiliary	217	.46	268	.54	252	.50	171	.40

Provincial Contest

Elementary School Section

The finals of the sixth annual provincial contest among the Grade VIII French-speaking pupils were held in Ottawa on April 29th, 1943. After winning preliminary tests in their own schools and inspectorates, twenty-four contestants —one boy and one girl from each of the twelve French-speaking inspectorates— took part in this final competition. The four provincial winners, the first two of whom were awarded secondary school scholarships, were as follows:—

1st boy: Jean-Marcel Touchette, 13, Garneau School, Ottawa;

1st girl: Marie Corbeil, 12, St. Charles School, Timmins;

2nd boy: Jean-Yves Gougeon, 12, St. Jean-Baptiste School, Ottawa;

2nd girl: Jeannine Lascelle, 13, Sacré-Coeur School, Hawkesbury.

Since 1938, when the first provincial contest was held, the scholarships awarded each year have been generously given by private educational institutions of Ontario and Quebec. So far, sixteen talented boys and girls have been thus enabled to pursue their studies beyond the elementary school level, and, from the regular reports received on their school work, give good promise of becoming leading citizens.

In view of the manifest advantages of this annual competition and the ever-increasing interest it arouses among the French-speaking population of this province, L'Association Canadienne-Française d'Education d'Ontario decided in 1940 to establish a scholarship fund for the benefit of the most deserving contestants. It is hoped that, with the assistance being offered by the Department of Education, gifted French-speaking students of Ontario will seize in ever greater numbers these splendid opportunities to complete their secondary and university education.

Secondary School Section

The first province-wide contest among the Grade XII and Grade XIII French-speaking students was held during the year. It proved quite successful. Preliminary contests were held in four regional centres and were followed by the final competition in Ottawa at the same time as the elementary school contest, on April 29th. The two provincial winners, who were awarded valuable scholarships by the University of Ottawa and the Bruyère College, Ottawa, were the following:

François Morisset, 17, University of Ottawa High School;

Yvette Laviolette, 18, Rockland High School.

A Successful Experiment

As in previous years the French-speaking school inspectors submitted interesting reports on special enterprises undertaken in their respective inspectorates. The following is a résumé of the report received from Dr. Rémi Millette, of Sudbury:

The Kindergarten-Primary Class, Sault Ste. Marie

"St. Ignace school, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, caters to 240 pupils of French-speaking parents.

In September, 1940, a Kindergarten-Primary class with an average enrolment of 30 pupils was established in this school. Pupils 5 years of age were thus given an opportunity of acquiring, through conversation, work and play, a basic vocabulary in the French language as a preparation for more formal work in the grades.

Experience has now proven that the pupils concerned have benefited by frequent opportunities to speak French and have acquired a more extensive vocabulary adapted to their intellectual level. The authorized Pre-Primer, "Frou-Frou et Fin-Fin" has been the basis for interesting conversation lessons in the mother-tongue, which take the greatest part of the day's programme. Yet, time is alloted to number-work, to singing, rhythmics, recitation, simple exercises in physical training, games, manual work in cutting, pasting and colouring. The sandtable serves frequently for modelling and various kinds of constructive work. Pupils learn happy confidence in themselves from these rightly directed activities. Smoothly, without cleavage or shock, the young child is conditioned to a certain mode of behaviour in this special class, which mode of behaviour is continued in the grades. Thus, school is an entity with "progress from ingress to egress" along a smoothly constructed gradient.

Approach to the studies as begun in Grade I is made in the incidental informal method. Group routines of the grades are learned gradually. Pupils spend three hours per day in the classroom for a full day's programme.

It is now noted, after four years of experience with this special class, that the pupils concerned, now in the first three grades, have benefited greatly by this course. They are up to and above standard in the French subjects of Grade I to Grade III inclusive, and also in English and in the other subjects of the Programme of Studies".

It is hoped that the successful experiment reported above by Dr. Millette will set an example to be followed in many other inspectorates. School boards, in urban centres especially, would be well advised to establish kindergarten-primary classes, which eventually would mean both a saving in school costs and a betterment in educational results.

"L'Association de l'Enseignement Français de l'Ontario"

The provincial association of French-speaking teachers and inspectors held its fourth annual convention in Ottawa, on April 29th and 30th, 1943. Mr. Adélard Gascon, M.A., B.Paed., of Ottawa, was elected president for the year 1943-44.

Outstanding among the Association's achievements of the year was the publication in December, 1943, of a school magazine entitled "L'Ecole ontarienne". This 140-page magazine, the first of its kind to be published in Ontario, contains articles in French and in English which are of interest to both the elementary and the secondary school teachers. The articles were contributed by teachers actually engaged in teaching in schools attended by French-speaking pupils. In his foreword, the President of the Association expresses the hope that "L'Ecole ontarienne" may continue to be published at least annually.

Correspondence Courses

In June, 1943, ended the first school year in which correspondence courses were given to French-speaking children of Ontario. The great usefulness of this service was evidenced by the large enrolment of beginners—152 Grade I French-speaking pupils—and by the satisfaction expressed by many parents regarding their children's progress during the year. As a mark of appreciation some parents sent in the photographs of the children enrolled in the courses. One mother wrote in June: "I am quite satisfied with the Grade I studies. —— has done very well. She recognises all the words and reads fluently. She completed her French primer a month ago. I thank you." Another parent, writing at the end of the school year, said: "I am happy to tell you that —— and —— understand what they read and that they are now able to read the whole book. I am perfectly satisfied with the results obtained and I wish to thank you."

In September, 1943, the courses for French-speaking pupils of Grade II were ready for distribution. The total enrolment during the school year 1943-44 was as follows: Grade I, 101; Grade II, 110. It is evident from the reports received that this service is highly appreciated by the French-speaking population of Ontario.

The lessons for French-speaking pupils of Grade III and Grade IV, which have been prepared by Inspector Adélard Gascon, M.A., B.Paed., will be available in September, 1944.

Music

Notable progress was made in this field of French education during 1943. Under the able guidance of Mr. G. Roy Fenwick, Mus. B., Provincial Supervisor of Music, Mr. Joseph Beaulieu, Mus. B., Assistant Supervisor of Music, was successful in giving much impetus to the teaching of music in the schools attended by French-speaking pupils.

Besides paying regular visits to the schools and meeting with school boards and inspectors, Mr. Beaulieu fostered the organization of pupil choirs and gave several demonstration lectures to groups of teachers and to the students of the University of Ottawa Normal School.

A series of seven song books for classes of Grade II to Grade VIII was developed during the year. These books each containing 24 selected songs in French and in English were well received by the teachers and have contributed

in a large measure to the progress of vocal music in schools attended by French-speaking pupils.

Junior Red Cross

In September, 1943, the Junior Red Cross Society of Ontario appointed a French-speaking field-secretary, Miss Juliette Fortin, R.N., of Sudbury.

As shown by the following figures, marked progress in the Junior Red Cross activities was achieved in schools attended by French-speaking pupils during the last four months of the year:

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June, 1943,	323	branches	with	11,100	members;
December, 1943,	604	"	"	19,368	"

It is anticipated that at the end of 1944 there will be approximately 1,000 branches of the Junior Red Cross with some 30,000 French-speaking members.

Teachers and inspectors are to be highly commended for their successful effort in bringing within reach of their pupils the wonderful advantages offered by the Junior Red Cross Society.

ROBERT GAUTHIER,
Director of French Instruction.

Toronto, June 27th, 1944.